



Week ending **September 14, 2007**

Mayor, Members of the City Council, and the Community Members:

## **CITYWIDE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT**

The *Citywide Weekly Report* highlights various activities throughout the City for the week. Consistent with our mission to ensure equal access to opportunity, education, and quality of life for every man, woman and child regardless of their race, religion, age or socio-economic status, this report will work to organize our weekly achievements so that we can measure and maximize our management and performance toward reaching our goals. It is our intent that this report will help to improve communications about the programs and services provided to both the City Council and the community.

Please contact the Public Affairs Department at 559-621-7777 with any questions.

## **WEEKLY NEWS**

### ***KEY RESULT AREA: PUBLIC SAFETY***

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#### **Fire**

- From August 31 through September 6 at 1430 hours, fire crews responded to 627 incidents.
- Fire Department staff along with staff from City Manager's Office and the Police Department toured the Public Safety Complex site at G and Ventura on Tuesday, September 4.

#### **Police**

- Last week marked the beginning of a new school year for local area schools. Operation Safe Start targets school zones to ensure the safety of Fresno's school children and to remind drivers of the importance of obeying traffic laws, particularly in and near school zones. Last week resulted in 443 citations for traffic violations in school zones, such as speeding, stop-sign violations and

parking violations. Additionally, 24 vehicles were towed and 20 misdemeanor citations were issued.

- The Fresno Police Department's Drunk Driving: *Over the Limit, Under Arrest* operation, which received its funding for 15 impaired driver checkpoints from the Office of Traffic Safety, resulted in 61 arrests of impaired drivers over Labor Day Weekend alone. Since August 15, 2007, the operation resulted in a total of 124 impaired driver arrests and 536 vehicles towed in an effort to make the community safer.
- The 30-day Violent Crime Task Force operation, which focused the efforts of the Southwest District Crime Suppression Team, Neighborhood Traffic and Motors in Southwest Fresno, resulted in 293 felony arrests, 693 misdemeanor arrests, 49 narcotic arrests, 86 parolees arrested, 69 gang members arrested on felony charges, 5 narcotic search warrants served, 15 firearms recovered, 51 parole searches and 40 probation searches, 2312 traffic citations and 256 vehicles towed. The 30-day operation has now been replaced by the more permanent Westside Gang Tactical team, which will continue its targeted efforts.

## ***KEY RESULT AREA: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT***

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### **Economic Development**

- The 2007 Inaugural Business Matchmaking & Networking Event was a huge success. Close to 100 small businesses and 37 different buying organizations attended the event. These small businesses focused on pursuing contracts with local, state, federal, and private buying organizations.

For more information about Business Matchmaking and Networking, please contact Peggy Chiok at [Peggy.Chiok@fresno.gov](mailto:Peggy.Chiok@fresno.gov) or call 559.621.8360.

## ***KEY RESULT AREA: CUSTOMER SATISFACTION***

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### **General Services**

- This week the Purchasing Division announced that the City's Participation in the State of California Cal Card Program has been approved by City Council and is now available to all City Departments.
- Purchasing Division was busy opening the following formal bids:
  - ~ Tulare Overlay between Freeway 41 to Orchard with a Budget of \$600,000
  - ~ Selland Area Reroof with a Budget of \$1,300,000
  - ~ Requirements contract for Median Island Landscape Maintenance – Grantland & Bullard
  - ~ Requirements contract for Compact Pickup Trucks
  - ~ BMW Motorcycles for Police Motor officers

## **Public Utilities**

- Public Works Department hired Transmap Inc. to assist them in their Pavement Management and Asset Management projects. The first part of this project is taking the almost 2,000,000 images for use in locating objects and pavement defects that have been delivered to Public Works which will allow the images to be accessed on iView.

The images are located in the "Add Layers" of the dropdown menu, under the "Public Works" tab at Fresno.gov. Users should click on the "Transmap Van Images" tab to load the picture layers.

For more information contact Gary Winkler, DPU Senior Engineering Technician, he is the manager of the City's iView web site.

## **Parks and Recreation**

- The Mayor's Career & Education Expo took place Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> at the Fresno Convention Center new exhibit hall and was an overwhelming success. Nearly 150 employer vendors participated with public attendance topping 6,000 this year.
- PRCS proudly opened the Verna Duty Garden behind the Ted C. Wills Youth & Senior Center at the end of August. Named after Mayor Autry's late mother, this large beautiful garden provides a shaded place for Fresno seniors to gather, play shuffleboard, enjoy bocce ball, and bird watch.